

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 276

Served: June 21, 1963

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for Permission)
to Release Property - M Street)
Shops.)

Application No. 254

D. C. Transit System, Inc., has filed an application to permanently abandon the M Street Shops, located in Northwest Washington, and more particularly described as Lot No. 818 in Sq. 1200 and containing 75,413 square feet.

This property was originally acquired in 1878 at a cost of \$65,793.43. It was placed in service as a storage and maintenance shop in 1879. The buildings on the property were originally constructed in 1878-79, and with subsequent additions and improvements had an historical cost as of December 31, 1962, in the total amount of \$281,035.76. The total book cost of the property, including land and improvements, amounted to \$346,829.19. As of December 31, 1962, this property had a net book value of \$80,933.26, including land.

The applicant is currently paying an annual real estate tax on this property of approximately \$7,800.00 which together with the cost of insurance and guard and maintenance service presently amounts to approximately \$15,300 per year.

The Commission Engineering Staff investigated the present and future use of this property and has recommended that it is not now and will not in the future be used or useful in the performance of mass transit. In order to determine whether there was a substantial possibility that the Transit Development Program, being developed by the National Capital Transportation Agency, would provide for the future use of this facility, that Agency was consulted and asked to render an advisory opinion. By letter dated May 31, 1963 the Administrator of that Agency advised this Commission that no substantial possibility exists that this property will be used in connection with the Transit Development Program being prepared

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by the Agency.

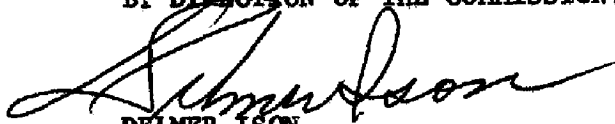
The Commission has reviewed the past history of this property and foresees no possible future use of it in the operation of public transit, that it is in the public interest to authorize the permanent abandonment of this property for transit use, and that the Company should be relieved of any obligation to hold the property for any possible future use as a transit facility.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to permanently abandon the facilities located on that property in Northwest Washington commonly known as the M Street Shops as a transit facility.

(2) That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, relieved from any future obligation to hold this property for any possible future use as a transit facility.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


DELMER ISON
Executive Director